

From: paulreck@earthlink.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:50 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
Paul Reck
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8 Stonehenge Drive
Holmdel, NJ 07733

From: mlheller@earthlink.net
To: Michael Copps
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I'm writing one last time to urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership. Please vote to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
M.L. Heller
xxx
Ir, CA 92618

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Sincerely,
Liza Claiborne
2512 W. Lake St.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

From: GBEB2@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:51 PM
Subject: Don't allow big media to get even bigger

Dear Mr. Copps:

On June 2, you will vote on a proposal to allow the same company to own newspapers, and television and radio stations in local communities. This multiple ownership will create a monopoly of information that threatens a diverse, independent, and competitive media. The concentration of ownership is not in the interest of an informed citizenry necessary in a democratic society.

I urge you to support democracy by voting against this proposed rule. Don't allow big media to get even bigger.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bamberger
Chalfont, PA

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Alexandria, VA

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Brenda Barron
1901 13th St NW Apt 11
Washington, DC 20009

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Sincerely,
Barbra McCandless
Napa, CA

From: John W. Crooks
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:53 PM
Subject: Please Don't

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

John W. Crooks
Avoca, WI

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From: Nest, Donna
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:53 PM
Subject: Rule Changes

Thank you for bringing the proposed rule changes to the attention of the public. You have shown courage and foresight. I wish there were more public figures with your integrity.

From: Alan Bol
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: say no to media monopolies

Mr Copps,

I am writing to strongly urge vote against the proposed rules that further deregulate media ownership. Independent media voices keep our democracy strong and our society vibrant.

Alan Bol
33 Saints John Rd
Montezuma, Colorado

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From: Lyn Dobrin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: Hold off media consolidation vote

Dear Chairman Powell,

First I tried your telephone number to leave a message about the vote on Tuesday and got a message saying I couldn't leave a message and should go to your web site.

The mail box was full (I do hope someone will listen to those messages).

Then I went to the web site, following the instructions and was unable to get to the spot to which your telephone message instructed me to go.

So I couldn't leave a message, so here it is:

This Monday, you will hold a vote on media consolidation. There's nothing special about that date -- it's totally arbitrary. The vote will conclude a process which has shown deliberate disregard for the views and opinions of the American people. You have refused to even release the actual language of the rule change -- it won't be known until after the vote. And you've only held a single meeting to hear the views of the public. Even when a bipartisan group of Senators requested that you give Congress some *time to discuss the impact of this change*, You refused.

You still have the power to delay the rule change and allow time to have a democratic debate about its consequences and allow a real public debate on an issue of such massive importance.

I handle public relations for several not-for-profit agencies and there was a time when we were able to get the word out without breaking the bank because media was required to do public service announcements. Those days are long gone and I fear that with this new changes that are being proposed, there will be even less of a chance for the little people to be heard.

Please do the right thing.

Lyn Dobrin

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Lyn Dobrin
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Diana
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief,
Media Bureau:

On behalf of concerned citizens I am contacting you in reference to Docket No. 02-277, the biennial review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

We are strongly opposed to any further consolidation and homogenization of the mass media in this country. The FCC's mandate is to serve the public interest - not corporate profit - and therefore it should expand democratic oversight and continue to restrict market control in the broadcast industry.

Freedom of discourse and open debate on critical issues is compromised when a small elite comes to claim exclusive control over our public airwaves. This is especially true in remote rural areas where news and opinion is now held hostage by a few private firms. In the worst case scenario, there now exists nothing but a stifling broadcast monopoly.

Absentee ownership of broadcast media also poses a serious public safety risk as residents of Minot, ND rudely discovered back on Jan. 18th, 2002. As you may know, that was the evening that a train containing hundreds of thousands of gallons of ammonia derailed, releasing a poisonous white cloud. Officials attempted to alert the population over radio but because six out of the seven Minot stations are now owned by Clear Channel, there was no response for hours. Seeking greater profit, Clear Channel had eliminated much of its workforce and forsaken local news coverage, running instead canned programming on auto pilot from thousands of miles away. For lack of adequate warning, 300 people were hospitalized and numerous livestock killed.

The FCC should uphold its public mandate by maintaining existing restrictions on broadcast ownership. I would also request that the FCC solicit public comment on this issue beyond the current deadline since so many people particularly isolated rural residents - stand to be affected by this decision. An accessible, diverse, and vibrant communication infrastructure is essential for any democracy and the outcome of this debate should not be determined by the bottomline of corporations.

Sincerely,

Diane Lochner
1019 1/2 Williamson St.
Madison, WI 53703

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02-277

From: Franks, Michael J LTC F2C2 318-435-8165
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 5:50 AM
Subject: Stifling Freedom of Speech

Mr. Michael J. Copps (Federal Communications Commission),
If the proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices
in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media
corporations.

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by
media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to
allow on the air and which to censor.

The FCC, controlled by five unelected officials, has conducted its
decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time
for the public to react.

Many of the corporations fighting for these rule changes -- including media
giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- demonstrate a strong anti-gun bias in
their news coverage and programming.

Michael J. Franks
4262 Oakland Ave
Fort Knox, KY 40121

Sincerely

LTC Michael Franks
F2C2, Operations Officer
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (05-628-7165)

"The Spartans do not ask how many the enemy number, but where they are."
Agis of Sparta

From: Nap Bourdeau
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 6:23 AM
Subject: Freedom and Responsibility

The most dangerous thing in America is an irresponsible press.

Concentrating the press into a relatively few hands is irresponsible!

Nap Bourdeau
Lodi, Wisconsin

From: Gregory Best
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 6:26 AM
Subject: please, no further consolidation

Chairman and Commissioners,

I'm writing to request that you please do not modify the media ownership rules in a way that would encourage further consolidation of media sources.

This country already suffers from a dearth of news and entertainment outlets, and I have been growing increasingly frustrated with a lack of choice and diversity in both national and local news sources. Often I find myself relying on foreign news outlets to learn what is happening in my own country.

Further consolidation virtually assures continued degradation of the single most valuable ingredient in an informed democracy-- namely the information itself.

As evidence of my concerns, I submit that although I am an avid consumer of news (primarily by radio and web) I only learned of your upcoming vote on consolidation issues through a brief segment on "This Week In Northern California"-- a local San Francisco production aired at 1am. I've heard nothing of the issue through the major broadcasters.

The conclusion I am left to draw from this is that the power of the major news providers is such that they can defend their interests simply by denying the public the knowledge of critical issues. This power is derived from a lack of diversity in media sources.

I ask that you please uphold your office by supporting the growth of diversity in the media.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Best

San Francisco, CA

From: orion douglas layman
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 6:30 AM
Subject: Freedom of the Press?

On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

If these rule changes are adopted, it could give a tiny handful of anti-gun media executives the unchallenged power to keep NRA viewpoints off the T.V. and radio airwaves in thousands of communities across our nation -- small towns and big cities alike. The big media conglomerates have proved in the past that they WILL use their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air and these proposed rule changes would extend that power even further.

I believe that this sort of media monopolization will in fact stifle the free speech of the conservative viewpoint. The news media more and more every day are demonstrating a strong bias in favor of the liberal viewpoint and the nightly news broadcasts are blatantly against moral values and in fact are capable of and seemingly do fabricate news coverage to gain favor against these values. The old saying "if it bleeds, it leads" is getting worse daily. These news broadcasts are anti business and do not reflect the majority opinion yet they are free to broadcast their opinions freely to all that turn on television and radio with total impunity. Unfortunately, this can and does effluence some individuals who do not take the time to study issues and think for themselves.

We've all seen the effects of greed and corruption in industry where giants like Enroll and Worldcom were managed by individuals who engaged in illegal activities because "they could" and they thought they could get away with it.. Executives in todays industries do not have the ethics to refrain from abuses of power and money so why should we imagine that media executives would be any different. They are all cut from the same cloth.

Let's refrain from allowing giants to corrupt this industry and give the little guys a break.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS AT STAKE IN THIS ISSUE. Please vote responsibly on this issue.

From: Joe Fizell
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:30 AM
Subject: Please consider

Sir:

Please consider the current trend to erode the Bill of Rights. Placing immeasurable power in the hands of few can lead to the destruction of our Republic. This had nothing to do with gun rights but everything to do with my grandchildren's rights to the same freedoms you and I were born with, fought for, and many died for.

Today's media owners may agree with your political philosophy, tomorrow's owners may support a tyrant. Please do not change the Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Thank you.

Joe Fizell

From: b-king@att.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:41 AM
Subject: NOT in the Public Interest

It is NOT in the public interest for more and more broadcast outlets to be amassed by a few huge companies. Please do not let this happen.

Betty King
Miami, FL

From: Ftd103@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:48 AM
Subject: opposition to regulation changes

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the relaxing of standards to allow large conglomerates to dominate a local broadcasting area. If these rules are relaxed I believe the important diversity in views that occurs now will be lost to the hands of a few large conglomerates. Please consider voting against these changes. I would appreciate the favor of a reply.

Thank you

Frank Diener
4733 Greensprings Ave
West Mifflin, Pa. 15122

From: David Uhl
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 7:56 AM
Subject: FCC Ruling

Dear Mr. Powell,

As a tax paying citizen of the United States I can't understand how the FCC can change the broadcast ownership rules to allow a certain few large media giants to take control of the media. The media is already so one sided I have stopped watching NBC, ABC, ect. because of their bias options. The least they should do is give us balance news and they don't and this rule with make it worse.

I hope you will vote against this ruling, this is America not Iraq, keep us free.

Sincerely,
David Uhl

CC: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, kabernathy@fcc.gov, Michael Copps

From: blader@chartermi.net
To: Mike Powell, senator@levin.senate.gov, senator@stabenow.senate.gov
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 8:04 AM
Subject: Re Broadcast Regulation

Now is not the time to further deregulate the public airways, but to restore effective regulation to make sure that the public's interests are primary with commercial success becoming secondary. It is not in the public interest to permit further consolidation of mega ownership.

The FCC had for many years, strict requirements on the amount and type of public broadcasting, both radio and television. Renewal of licenses was dependent on a factual showing that the public interest requirements were being met. Quality news and public interest programs were readily available if not always common.

The Reagan years brought much looser regulation so that most significantly, news reporting was allowed to become a profit center, thereby dooming news to a far lower standard than had been the custom for the preceding 5 decades.

Religious programs were also allowed to be considered not as public service, but as profit centers which resulted in the effective disappearance of most religious programming from the usual Sunday morning line-ups.

There's no question that the quality of programming reflects the general degradation in content, having become more sensational, less insightful, more geared to the prurient and casual interests of the public than to important social and political concerns.

Shocking and indecent and sexually implicit and explicit content scarcely seems to me to be what Congress intended as "public interest, convenience and necessity".

The FCC has failed miserably to keep the public interest as primary in their deregulation of the publicly owned airwaves.

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Bruce Macdonald
203 Alden St.
Spring Lake, Michigan 49456
616-842-7073

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: J.A. & Judy,mostlyJudy
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 8:53 AM
Subject: Against!

I am Strongly Against you adopting the "broadcast ownership rules" !!

J.A. Stallone Jr
1045 C.R. 131
Gary, Tx 75643

From: Dave and Kearstin Meadows
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 8:57 AM
Subject: Vote NO on the changes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.

The FCC, controlled by five unelected officials, has conducted its decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react.

Many of the corporations fighting for these rule changes -- including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- demonstrate a strong anti-gun bias in their news coverage and programming.

Please dont allow the changes to effect my first amendment right to speak out!

Dave Meadows
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Arlington, VA 22203

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From: MWWPEREZ@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:09 AM
Subject: FCC vote on june 2nd.

Your Honor.

I am writing you in concern of the issue of the up and coming vote on June 2nd, it is my understanding that the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

I would like to ask you to vote (no) on this issue. If I may explain my request, I used to work in radio for many years as a broadcasting engineer in the northeast section of the United States (CT) for Aurora communications. Aurora Communications was purchased by an even larger Media company and I lost my job! That was bad enough, but the real loss was to the listeners of the radio station that I worked at when the station not only changed their format from News Talk and oldies to nothing more than a broadcasting center for nationally syndicated shows that had nothing to do with our local region!

I see this as major loss to radio supported communities for local events when a few large media companies buy all the radio stations around the country and dictate their agenda to us and make it impossible for local business to afford commercial air time!

When I turn my dial on my radio and I can hear the same syndicated broadcast of Howard Stern (I can't stand him) on four different stations at the same time. It makes me wonder, why are these larger media companies allowed to have this much control over what we listen to!

That is why I am asking you to vote (NO) in June 2nd.

Thank you for your time!

Michael w Perez
38 Ann st 2-b
Naugatuck CT 06770

From: DD
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:13 AM
Subject: Vote No

Please vote no on June 2nd, for the Broadcast Ownership Rights issue.

Thanks
Duane Driggars
Bainbridge, GA

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From: Scott Mallonee
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:20 AM
Subject: Please Reconsider

Dear Mister Chairman and Commissioners,

I urge you to reconsider your recently announced intent to allow rules changes that would further risk the inappropriate consolidation of control of the media in America. To consider:

- If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.
- Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.
- The FCC, controlled by five un-elected officials, has conducted its decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react.
- Many of the corporations fighting for these rule changes -- including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- demonstrate strong political bias in their news coverage and programming.

Best Regards,

Scott Mallonee
12937 Furnace Mountain Rd
Lovettsville VA 20180
540-822-4432

From: JPN6464@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:20 AM
Subject: Hoping for a fair ruling

Dear Commissioner:

It has come to my attention that some of the giant media corporations are attempting to take over even more of the TV and radio stations in our country. I feel that freedom of speech, diversity of ideas and the right to be heard are some of the most important freedoms we have in this country. If any single minded group is allowed to censor the public's ability to hear, or state their opinions in a public forum, it would be a drastic blow to the American people, even the silent majority.

In a time when so many of our laws are being passed to benefit minority groups to the detriment of the majority of our citizens, it would be un-American for your commission to pass a rule that would allow whole states and regions to be dominated by a small group of media magnates that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to air and which viewpoints to be censored.

Hoping for a fair ruling,

John Neece

From: george keys
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:53 AM
Subject: please

Please do not let these large media companys take over the air waves
george keys

From: Matthew Testa
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:54 AM
Subject: Vote NO on relaxing owner ship regulation

Diversity of outlets is essential to diversity of opinion. It is especially critical to smaller markets. A vote to allow a few entities to control the dissemination of news and opinion strikes at the heart of our democracy.
Vote against this measure.
Thank you,
Matthew McCord Testa

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"One of the greatest tragedies of life is the murder of a beautiful theory by a gang of brutal facts." ---
Benjamin Franklin

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From: bill bower
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 9:59 AM
Subject: Vote on June 2nd

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Please make sure the "little guy" still has a voice.

Thank you! William Bower.

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From: Stephen Kitcoff
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 10:07 AM
Subject: Your Decision

Please keep the Public's interest in upcoming communication decisions. Mergers in the media business may be the trend and Mega-Media companies may be the future but it should not be at the cost of smaller companies or the trust that you have to make sure that the Public actually has a variety of choices for their information or their entertainment.

When you look at the mess at the New York Times and and the cynicism of people in general on news organizations it becomes even more vital to protect the peoples' interest by assuring a diversity of companies that we have to chose from for a variety of reasons.

Regard,
Steve Kitcoff
Oswego, IL